

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for providing a customizable trading display of market instrument data comprises:

5 selecting a subset from a plurality of quadrants, each quadrant associated with one benchmark instrument, each benchmark instrument associated with one or more non-benchmark instruments;

automatically retrieving market data for the instruments associated with each selected quadrant; and

10 generating a customizable trading display, the display comprising the subset of quadrants and each quadrant including the associated market data.

2. The method of Claim 1 further comprising:

receiving a selection of a new benchmark instrument from one of the selected quadrants;

15 selecting a replacement quadrant from the plurality of quadrants, the replacement quadrant associated with the new benchmark instrument;

automatically retrieving market data for the instruments associated with the replacement quadrant; and

20 updating the customizable display based on the replacement quadrant, the replacement quadrant including the new market data.

3. The method of Claim 1, each instrument comprising a market depth and the method further comprises generating each quadrant based on a default market depth for each associated instrument.

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4. The method of Claim 3, each market depth comprising a value between one and ten.

5. The method of Claim 3 further comprising updating the current market depth associated with one instrument in response to receiving a market depth update request, the market depth update request comprising a market depth value different from the current market value of the instrument to be updated.

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6. The method of Claim 5 further comprising expanding the quadrant associated with the updated instrument based on the updated market depth.

7. The method of Claim 6, the quadrant comprising a first quadrant and
10 the method further comprising:
selecting a second quadrant associated with the first quadrant;
expanding the second quadrant to match a size of the first quadrant; and
scaling the remaining quadrants to maintain a size of the customizable trading
display.

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8. The method of Claim 4 further comprising, in response to the market depth of one instrument being greater than one, generating an identifiable graphical user interface (GUI) element associated with the instrument for inclusion in the trading display, the GUI element operable to request an expansion of the associated
20 instrument.

9. Software for providing a customizable trading display of market instrument data comprises:

select a subset from a plurality of quadrants, each quadrant associated with one benchmark instrument and at least one non-benchmark instrument, each non-benchmark instrument associated with the benchmark instrument;

automatically retrieve market data for the instruments associated with each selected quadrant; and

generate a customizable trading display, the display comprising the subset of quadrants and each quadrant including the associated market data.

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10. The software of Claim 9 further operable to:

receive a selection of a new benchmark instrument from one of the selected quadrants;

select a replacement quadrant from the plurality of quadrants, the replacement quadrant associated with the new benchmark instrument;

automatically retrieve market data for the instruments associated with the replacement quadrant; and

update the customizable display based on the replacement quadrant, the replacement quadrant including the new market data.

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11. The software of Claim 9, each instrument comprising a market depth and the software further operable to generate each quadrant based on a default market depth for each associated instrument.

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12. The software of Claim 11, each market depth comprising a value between one and five.

13. The software of Claim 11 further operable to update the current market depth associated with one instrument in response to receiving a market depth update request, the market depth update request comprising a market depth value different from the current market value of the instrument to be updated.

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14. The software of Claim 13 further operable to expand the quadrant associated with the updated instrument based on the updated market depth.

15. The software of Claim 14, the quadrant comprising a first quadrant and
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select a second quadrant associated with the first quadrant;
expand the second quadrant to match a size of the first quadrant; and
scale the remaining quadrants to maintain a size of the customizable trading
display.

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16. The software of Claim 12 further operable to, in response to the market depth of one instrument being greater than one, generate an identifiable graphical user interface (GUI) element associated with the instrument for inclusion in the trading display, the GUI element operable to request an expansion of the associated
20 instrument.

17. A trading system for providing a customizable trading display of market instrument data comprises:

a central repository operable to store a plurality of market data; and

a trading client comprising:

5 memory operable to store a plurality of quadrants, each quadrant associated with one benchmark instrument and at least one non-benchmark instrument, each non-benchmark instrument associated with the benchmark instrument; and

one or more processors operable to:

10 select a subset from the plurality of quadrants;
 automatically retrieve market data for the instruments associated with each selected quadrant from the central repository; and
 generate a customizable trading display, the display comprising the subset of quadrants and each quadrant including the associated market data.

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18. The trading system of Claim 17, the one or more processors further operable to:

receive a selection of a new benchmark instrument from one of the selected quadrants;

20 select a replacement quadrant from the plurality of quadrants, the replacement quadrant associated with the new benchmark instrument;

automatically retrieve market data for the instruments associated with the replacement quadrant; and

25 update the customizable display based on the replacement quadrant, the replacement quadrant including the new market data.

19. The trading system of Claim 17, each instrument comprising a market depth and the one or more processors further operable to generate each quadrant based on a default market depth for each associated instrument.

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20. The trading system of Claim 19, each market depth comprising a value between one and five.

21. The trading system of Claim 19, the one or more processors further
5 operable to update the current market depth associated with one instrument in response to receiving a market depth update request, the market depth update request comprising a market depth value different from the current market value of the instrument to be updated.

10 22. The trading system of Claim 21, the one or more processors further operable to expand the quadrant associated with the updated instrument based on the updated market depth.

23. The trading system of Claim 22, the quadrant comprising a first
15 quadrant and the one or more processors further operable to:
select a second quadrant associated with the first quadrant;
expand the second quadrant to match a size of the first quadrant; and
scale the remaining quadrants to maintain a size of the customizable trading display.

20 24. The trading system of Claim 20, the one or more processors further operable to, in response to the market depth of one instrument being greater than one, generating an identifiable graphical user interface (GUI) element associated with the instrument for inclusion in the trading display, the GUI element operable to request an
25 expansion of the associated instrument.

25. The trading system of Claim 24, the trading client further comprising a customized keyboard including at least one key operable to interact with the GUI element.